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Leave Wilderness trees alone!

The "Forest Service" (FS) is seeking public comments on its "R5 Post Disturbance Hazardous Tree Management Project for the Pacific Southwest Region" (Region 5). The project includes cutting, logging, and, removing, thousands of "hazard" trees (both living, and, dead, trees that burned over, past, fire seasons) along roads, trails, and, facilities in 10 "National Forests"! The "FS doesn't mention "Wilderness" anywhere in your project's, scoping, letter, but, the maps are unclear as to whether "Wilderness" is included.

There are, many, trails, and, roads, included that about "Wilderness" boundaries, making the impacts to "Wilderness" unclear. Potentially, the Marble Mountains, Trinity Alps, Kaiser, Ansel Adams, John Muir, Golden Trout, Monarch, Jennie Lakes, Domeland, Yolla Bolly Middle Eel, Snow Mountain, Yuki, and Bucks Lake "Wildernesses" could be affected by logging, and, other, clearing, although the "Forest Service" fails to reveal any details in your, scoping, documents!

"Wilderness Watch" opposes using chainsaws to clear trails in "Wilderness"! Visitors to "Wilderness" should be allowed to experience nature on its, own, terms, which includes risks that, naturally, exist! Fallen trees are a natural hazard that anyone who enters a "Wilderness" must be willing to accept-these are not "managed" forests, gardens, or, city parks! Falling trees provide homes, not only for, small mammals. As they deteriorate, they fertilize the ground.

The "Forest Service" should post, warning, signs, at trailheads, alerting visitors to the risk, and, letting visitors decide whether they want to accept the risk, or, hike somewhere else! Dead trees should be allowed to fall, naturally, with, crosscut, saws, then, used to clear trails of, fallen, trees that must be cleared. This presents an, outstanding, educational opportunity to inform visitors of the benefits of "Wilderness", of allowing, natural, processes to run their course, and, the value of maintaining, traditional, skills.

Our family members, strongly,oppose using chainsaws to clear trails in "Wilderness"!

Dead, and, dying trees should be left alone in "Wilderness".

The "Forest Service" should use, crosscut, saws, NOT chainsaws, to clear trails of only the, fallen, trees that must be removed.

"Wilderness" visitors should be allowed to experience nature on its, own, terms, including any risks that entails.

The "Forest Service" MUST exclude, all, Wilderness areas, from this project, including any encroachment from activity on "Wilderness" boundaries!